H. R. 2098

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 5, 1943

Mr. Powers introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures

A BILL

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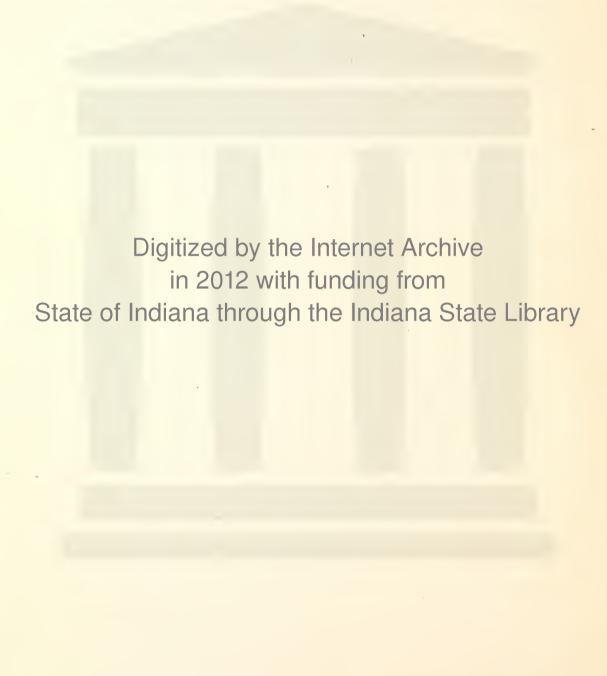
- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 That a commission is hereby created to be known as the
- 4 Civilian Award Commission and to be composed of five
- 5 members to be appointed by the President from among those
- 6 persons who have been awarded crosses or medals by the
- 7 United States for extraordinary heroism or distinguished
- 8 service. Each member of the Commission shall receive com-
- 9 pensation at the rate of \$ per day while engaged on the
- 10 business of the Commission. The President shall select a
- 11 Chairman from among the members of the Commission.

- 1 The Commission shall cease to exist six months after the
- 2 termination of actual hostilities in the present war.
- 3 Sec. 2. (a) The Commission shall submit to the Presi-
- 4 dent from time to time the names of civilians who, in the
- 5 judgment of a majority of the members of the Commission
- 6 afte ran investigation by the Commission of the facts in each
- 7 case, have distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism
- 8 in connection with civilian defense activities or in otherwise
- 9 rendering aid in emergencies caused by enemy action. The
- 10 President is authorized to present to each such person a cross,
- 11 to be known as the Lincoln Cross, of appropriate design and
- 12 with accompanying ribbon, together with a rosette or other
- 13 device to be worn in lieu thereof.
- 14 (b) No more than one Lincoln Cross shall be presented
- 15 to any one person, but for each succeeding deed or act suffi-
- 16 cient, in the judgment of a majority of the members of the
- 17 Commission, to justify the award of the Lincoln Cross the
- 18 President may award a bar or other suitable device to be
- 19 worn as the Commission shall direct.
- Sec. 3. The Commission shall submit to the President
- 21 from time to time the names of civilians who, in the judg-
- 22 ment of a majority of the members of the Commission after
- 23 an investigation by the Commission of the facts in each case,
- 24 have rendered exceptionally meritorious service in connection
- 25 with civilian defense activities. The President is authorized

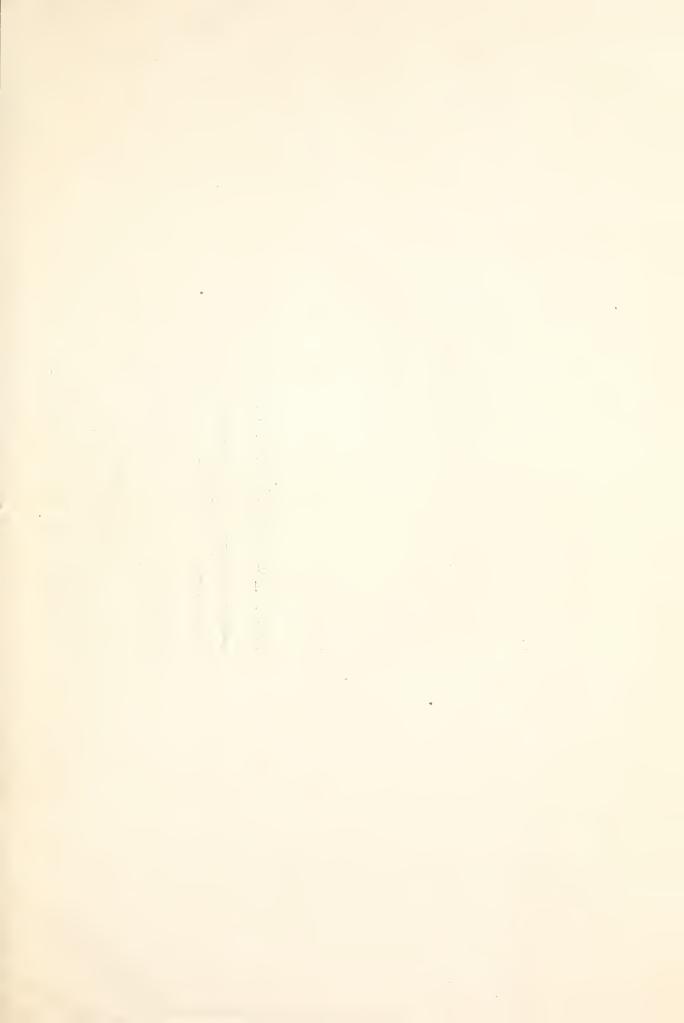
- 1 to present to each such person a medal, to be known as the
- 2 Lincoln Medal, of appropriate design and with accompanying
- 3 ribbon, together with a rosette or other device to be worn in
- 4 lieu thereof.
- 5 Sec. 4. In case a civilian dies before receiving the cross
- 6 or medal to which he may be entitled under the provisions
- 7 of this Act, such cross or medal may be presented by the
- 8 President to such representative of the deceased as the Com-
- 9 mission may designate.
- 10 Sec. 5. The Commission is authorized and directed to
- 11 procure the crosses, medals, rosettes, bars, and other devices
- 12 provided for by this Act, all of which shall be of such design,
- 13 size, weight, and composition as the Commission may
- 14 approve.
- 15 Sec. 6. (a) Without regard to the civil-service laws or
- 16 the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, the Commission
- 17 is authorized to appoint and prescribe the duties and fix
- 18 the compensation of such employees as are necessary in the
- 19 execution of its functions.
- 20 (b) The Commission may make such expenditures (in-
- 21 cluding expenditures for rent and personal services at the
- 22 seat of government and elsewhere, for office supplies, periodi-
- 23 cals, and books of reference, and for printing and binding) as
- 24 may be necessary in the execution of the functions of the
- 25 Commission. All expenditures of the Commission, including

- 1 necessary traveling expenses and subsistence expenses (not in
- 2 excess of \$ per day) incurred by the members while ab-
- 3 sent from their places of residence upon the business of the
- 4 Commission, and by the employees of the Commission while
- 5 away from their designated posts of duty upon the business
- 6 of the Commission, shall be allowed and paid upon the
- 7 presentation of itemized vouchers therefor approved by the
- 8 Chairman of the Commission.
- 9 Sec. 7. There are authorized to be appropriated such
- 10 sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this
- 11 Act.





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